

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 4, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
JIM PIERCE
KEEGAN WORLEY**

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
TIM CROUSE, PUBLIC WORKS
CHIEF HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP**

ABSENT:

ROB GORDON

D. Latino called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2023 Council Meeting.
J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Mark Bisignaro, 320 Stitzer Ave
Rich Regetta, Wernersville Lions Club

Mark Bisignaro: Mr Bisignaro told Council that he has been watching the work on the park and tennis Court and is very happy about the progress and improvements.

Rich Regetta: Mr. Regetta talked to Council about the Halloween Parade that the Lions Club is having on 10/28/23 at 11am.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 376 calls for the Month of September. 61 calls were in the Borough.
Chief Hook also reported that Mark Hackney has been promoted to Sargeant.

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Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 119 Calls for the month of September. 11 calls were in the Borough.

Jared told Council about the Open house that they are having on October 14th from 10-2 at the Firehouse.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 65 calls for the month of September. 12 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Aristides Otero came to speak to Council and ask for a time extension for West Ridge Suites. Motion made by K. Worley to grant a 185 day extension. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously. This will run through April 1, 2024.

Bachman Roofing Land Development 208 W. Penn Ave.: Parking lot was paved and pavement markings have been placed. The Borough has not received an escrow release request as of this date.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Work is proceeding and curbing has been placed. Motion made by J. Pierce to pay Escrow Release #2 in the amount of \$137,983.79 as per memo dated October 2. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously. Council authorized M. Gombar to contact the Attorney for Grande regarding a retaining wall that has not been properly completed and a sidewalk issue and moving the sidewalk to the South side due to trees on the North Side.

Penn Ave. Pedestrian Crosswalks: Nothing to Report.

DCED Grant Paving Improvements: Work is proceeding as of this date. Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to release Payment #1 for \$42,516.79 to Schlouch Inc. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously. Project is completed, however basketball pole was damaged and they will replace.

Optimist CDL Coaching School: I have not received any submissions.

Fastbridge Fiber Optic: Borough representative met with representatives from Fastbridge on September 19, 2023. I sent a memo to Borough Council September 25, 2023 and September 27, 2023.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for September. 1 permit was issued. 15 property maintenance issues and 8 zoning issues.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

M. Zerr reported that the Backhoe was delivered to the Borough today.

He also discussed the purchase of a 2000 Watt generator. Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to approve the purchase of a generator from Eblings for \$1199. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

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Fencing around the newly paved Tennis Court was also discussed. Motion made by K. Worley to approve the purchase of fencing at a cost not to exceed \$28,000 from a CoStars vendor. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

D. Latino mentioned about the Manhole cover near 19 W Wilson that needs to be repaired or lowered. Our public works dept reported this to the Water Authority. Dave asked that Public Works follow up on this.

Mayor's Report: Written Report Submitted.

The Mayor spoke to Council about her meeting with stakeholders in the Borough, that was held on Monday, 10/2.

Council's Report:

Dave Latino: D. Latino spoke to Council about the applications for Hometown Hero Banners. Motion made by J. Pierce to approve all 4 banners that were submitted to be placed in the Borough. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda spoke to Council about submitting the LSA Grant for playground enhancements, for up to \$1 Million. Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize Linda Dapcic-Angst to apply for the LSA grant which is due November 30. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously. She also informed Council that she recently submitted a grant for \$73,000 for Security cameras for the Borough Building, Garage and playgrounds. There was also a discussion about the tennis courts. It was agreed that public works should paint the lines and obtain an adjustable net to also accommodate a pickle ball court.

K. Worley: The Borough newsletter will be going out shortly.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Old Business:

Council Member Resignation: Motion made by J. Pierce to appoint Josh Fidler, 93 E Wilson Ave to fill the vacancy to serve for the remainder of 2023. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Winter Traffic Service Agreement with PennDot: Motion made by J. Pierce to adopt the Resolution accepting the Five-Year Winter Service Agreement. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Street Cut Ordinance: Possible update to the Street Cut Ordinance and its fee schedule. Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor will work on an amendment for Council to review and discuss at a later time.

Halloween: Motion made by J. Swartz for Trick or Treat Night to be Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Curfew will be 9 pm. for anyone under 18 years of age, from October 13 thru November 1. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

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173 W. Penn Ave.: Motion made by J. Pierce to file a lien for 173 W. Penn Ave. for unpaid Trash Bills in the amount of \$4,077.90. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. J. Swartz seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

Balance Sheet: Motion made by J. Swartz to accept the Balance Sheet. K. Worley seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 7pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to adjourn meeting at 8:23pm. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary